

## METHOD FOR PREVENTING ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed is a method of treating acute renal failure in a subject. The method comprises the step of administering to the subject an effective amount of a composition  
5 comprising a 2-ketoalkanoic acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a 2-ketoalkanoic acid, an ester of a 2-ketoalkanoic acid, or an amide of a 2-ketoalkanoic acid. Preferably, the composition comprises an enolization agent and an alkyl aralkyl, alkoxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl ester of a 2-ketoalkanoic acid dissolved in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle.